

(USLEAP), Stephen served as Executive Director, working to protect the rights of working people across Latin America. His work has been enormously influential on U.S. policy toward Guatemala, Colombia, Honduras, and Mexico. He gave workers throughout Latin America a voice in Washington. By bringing delegations of workers to Congress, most recently a representative from Colombia who came to my office, he presented a powerful and personal call for justice, putting a human face on the need for action.

Stephen touched many lives through his work for worker justice, including mine. He recognized the dignity of work and the need to provide fair and respectful treatment for working men and women throughout the world, but particularly in Central America. He called on all of us to care for each other and to commit ourselves to improving the lives of people who we may never meet but who deserve our attention. Stephen was a real leader but, more importantly, he made leaders of others.

We are still reeling from Stephen's loss—but we are also even more committed to following his legacy. My heart and my prayers go out to his loving wife, Kim, herself a faithful champion of working families, his sons Eric and Benjamin, and to the rest of his family and his multitude of friends.

#### HONORING MANUEL LOPEZ

#### HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Mr. Manuel Lopez, San Joaquin County Administrator, who retired after more than 25 years of outstanding service to our county.

Manuel was born in Pacoima (Los Angeles County) and was raised in Selma (Fresno County). After graduating from Selma high school, Manuel joined the Air Force for four years. Immediately after he was discharged, he worked for the California Department of Water Resources but left the job to attend Fresno City College on the G.I. Bill, where he subsequently earned a Civil Engineering degree from Fresno State. While attending Fresno State, he was involved with a group of students associated with the Fresno area "War on Poverty" and was a member of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Manuel's first professional job was with Tulare County, and then the City of Fresno, where he ultimately became the Deputy City Engineer.

Shortly after he started working at the City of Fresno, Manuel, together with several friends, started The Del Rey Y's Men Club in Del Rey, California—a branch of the National YMCA. The Club mentored boys from 12 to 18 years of age on how to act responsibly and how to be involved in the community.

Manuel and his wife, Sylvia, moved to Ripon in San Joaquin County in 1985, when he was appointed the Assistant Public Works Director. He concurrently served as the Interim City of Lathrop Engineer, when the City was formed in 1989. From 1991 to 1998, he served on the City of Ripon Economic Development Committee, twice as Chairman. In 1999, he served as President of the Sacramento Chapter of the

American Public Works Association. Subsequently, in March 2000, Manuel was appointed the County Public Works Director. Just as he started to enjoy that role, in July 2001, the Board of Supervisors appointed him as the interim County Administrator and appointed him on a permanent basis in November. His nearly 12 years in this position is longer than any of his predecessors.

Over the years, Manuel has been recognized for serving on the following associations and organizations: American Public Works Association, where he served as the Sacramento Chapter President in 1999; County Engineer's Association of California (CEAC); County Administrative Officers Association of California (CAOAC); Ripon Economic Development Committee, where he served as Chairman in 1993; San Joaquin Engineer's Council; Chairman San Joaquin March of Dimes Fund Drive; and the San Joaquin County Historical Society.

Manuel and Sylvia have been married for 38 years and have four adult children and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending San Joaquin County Administrator Mr. Manuel Lopez after numerous years of selfless service to the betterment of our community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NATHAN DOWNS ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

#### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Nathan Downs of Bowling Green, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.

Nathan's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Nathan brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Otsego High School in Tontogany, Ohio, Nathan was president of the Student Council and vice-president of Otsego's chapter of the National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Nathan was a member of his school's football, basketball, and baseball teams; earned varsity letters in those sports, as well as being nominated team captain for the baseball and football teams. In addition, Nathan volunteered his time to his community by volunteering for youth sport camps. I am confident that Nathan will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Nathan Downs on the offer of his appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Nathan will excel during his career at the Merchant Marine Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAGGIE MORGAN BEING AWARDED THE TAYLOR MEDAL

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House's attention today to recognize Miss Maggie Morgan, who on April 11th received a Taylor Medal from the University of Mississippi.

Maggie is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gary H. Morgan. She attended The Donoho School in Anniston, Alabama. After graduating in 2009, she went on to attend the University of Mississippi, and this May, she will graduate as an Honors Scholar with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forensic Chemistry.

During her time at the University of Mississippi, Maggie has set a standard of excellence in her academics. The Taylor Medal, which she was awarded, is the highest academic honor awarded by the University of Mississippi. To be eligible for this award, a student must have a grade point average of 3.9 or higher and exhibit exceptional scholarship in one field of study combined with superior academic work in all other subjects.

Upon her graduation from the University of Mississippi, Maggie plans to attend the University of Alabama School of Medicine.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Maggie on her academic achievements and wishing her luck in all of her future endeavors.

SPRINGFIELD HISTORY MUSEUM  
ON THE SQUARE

#### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Springfield Missouri's "History Museum on the Square."

The new History Museum on the Square encompasses several historic buildings that are being renovated to offer the community state-of-the-art exhibits in over 55,000 square feet, including the historic Fox Theatre. The museum houses a collection of over 100,000 artifacts, including 40,000 historic photographs.

The artifacts and exhibits showcase Springfield's prominent past, which includes the Battle of Wilson's Creek, a shootout in the town square involving Wild Bill Hickok, and the development of Route 66 through the heart of the city.

The new exhibit that opens on April 28 features "Woodruff's Dream: The Mother Road